

# The INTERCHANGE

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## Governor Daniels Attends Indiana Employer Fair at Indiana University and Urges Students to Stay and Work in Indiana

Governor Mitch Daniels traveled to Indiana University (IU) in Bloomington on Thursday, March 3, 2005 to persuade Hoosier students to stay in Indiana after graduation and to consider a career in Indiana State Government.

The Governor kicked off the Indiana Employer Fair, which was held on IU's campus, in an effort to address the Hoosier "brain drain" that is washing intellectual capital from the state. The employer fair gave Indiana businesses an opportunity to market positions and recruit student talent willing to settle in Indiana.

Governor Daniels' arrival ignited applause before he spoke to an audience of college students who were thrilled to have the opportunity to shake hands and chat with the Governor.

"I am excited about the possibilities for young persons in Indiana. The greatest state asset (is our) human talent," Daniels said. "Students' lives are best built here in this state ... I am here as an exhibitor."

The Governor joined the crowd as the employer fair began.

Fred Eichhorn, President of IU's Board of Trustees, said that students can put their effort into Indiana's economic development by looking for employment opportunities within the state.

"I think it's great (Governor Daniels) puts a high priority on education," Eichhorn said.

Under the glow of camera lights, Governor Daniels talked to media and students for about an hour after his speech, and he handed out business cards in front of the Indiana State Government booth.

"I work for everybody — those who voted for me and those who didn't," Daniels said. "We meant every word we said. We are serious about making this a better state."

(Article taken in part from the *Indiana Daily Student* - 3/4/05)



The Governor kicked off the Employer Fair at IU by speaking to students about eliminating Indiana's "brain drain".



Students attending the Indiana Employer Fair crowded around Governor Daniels for an opportunity to speak one-on-one with him regarding careers in State Government.



The Governor spent over one hour meeting students in front of the Indiana State Government booth.

## The Best Recruiter for the State of Indiana is YOU!

Tell a friend today about the exciting job opportunities the State of Indiana has to offer! Our goal is to attract, develop and retain a dynamic, diversified workforce. So spread the word about the great opportunities that are offered by telling your friends to visit the State of Indiana's Job Bank at [www.indianastatejobs.org](http://www.indianastatejobs.org).

The Job Bank is updated weekly so be sure to check it often. The State of Indiana offers a wide array of benefits including: medical, dental, vision and life insurance; retirement plans; accrued vacation, sick and personal days; flexibility; and career advancement opportunities.

## April is Earth Month!

Indiana's Greening the Government Program encourages all state employees to be a part of events at work and in your communities to celebrate and care for our shared planet. Some ways to participate:

- April 20: The Greening the Government Program hosts Earth Day information booths outside of the Indiana Government Center cafeterias (look for event details in early-mid April).

- April 22: The 35th Anniversary of Earth Day! Take some time to notice the plants, birds, trees, earth, sun, clouds, moon and the natural world around you. Pick up that piece of litter. Take a walk outside by yourself or with your friends or family. Enjoy, celebrate and protect our shared environment. To learn about your individual impact on our Earth and the many ways to reduce it, take the Footprint Quiz at [www.earthday.net/Footprint/index.asp](http://www.earthday.net/Footprint/index.asp)

- April 23: The 2005 Earth Day Indiana Festival will be held in downtown Indianapolis at North Meridian and North Streets, from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. and includes music, exhibits, food and fun for the entire family! Free admission! For details, visit [www.earthdayindiana.org/](http://www.earthdayindiana.org/).

- April 23-May 22: Indiana Bicycling Month. Gear up for fun, fitness and transportation. Bicycle to Work Day will be May 20, 2005! Check out [www.bicycleindiana.org/biketowork.html](http://www.bicycleindiana.org/biketowork.html) for details.

- On-Going: To learn about alternative transportation in central Indiana, easily find ride-sharing partners and calculate your cost savings, visit Central Indiana Commuter Services at [www.centralincommuter.net](http://www.centralincommuter.net). Participating State employees are eligible for emergency ride home features!

On-going Greening Program information can be found at [www.IN.gov/greening](http://www.IN.gov/greening).



*Earth Day is a time to celebrate gains we have made and create new visions to accelerate environmental progress. Earth Day is a time to unite around new actions. Earth Day and every day is a time to act to protect our planet.*

## Reggie Miller's Last Game Sold Out



Tickets to Reggie Miller's last game, scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2005, sold out in record time! Unfortunately, the special offer for state employees is no longer available. But, you can still catch Reggie in one of his final games in Conseco Fieldhouse at the last State Employee Night of the season! Please read the article below for details.

## Tickets Still Available for State Employee Night - April 10, 2005



There are discounted tickets still available for the State Employee Night scheduled for Sunday, April 10th, 2005 at 12:00 p.m. The Pacers will be playing against the New York Knicks.

1. Log onto [www.ConsecoFieldhouse.com/group](http://www.ConsecoFieldhouse.com/group).
2. Sign in (at the top of the page).
3. Click on Indiana State Employees Night with the Pacers - 4/10 - New York Knicks (Event #994).
4. Enter the State Employee ID (INSE).
5. Select your ticket price and quantity, and then follow the prompts.
6. Fill out the purchase information.
7. If you have any special requests (such as aisle or wheelchair seats), indicate this in the comments section.

**\*NOTE\*** If you *do not have internet access*, you are able to purchase tickets over the phone. Please call Tammy Bush at (317) 917-2824 **ONLY IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET.**

## Did you Know?



For every \$1 Indiana spends on tobacco prevention, the tobacco industry spends \$42 in marketing and advertising.

Visit [www.WhiteLies.tv](http://www.WhiteLies.tv) to find out more.

SOURCE: U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC), Cigarette Report for 2002; ITPC

# Governor Helps Launch “Rx for Indiana” Program to Help Eligible Hoosiers Access Free or Low-Cost Prescription Medication

Governor Mitch Daniels helped launch a new program that will use an army of volunteers to assist thousands of eligible Hoosiers to access free or significantly reduced-cost medication.

**RxforIndiana** is designed to simplify the process for Hoosiers to reach pharmaceutical companies that offer low-cost or free prescription medications. The Web site, which includes a Spanish-language version, is [www.RxforIndiana.org](http://www.RxforIndiana.org). To reach **RxforIndiana** by phone, use the toll free number 877-793-0765 (trained Spanish-speaking operators are available). Persons who are Deaf or hearing impaired may contact **RxforIndiana** through Relay Indiana.

“It’s unacceptable that with every significant medicine available to low-income Hoosiers either free or at a sharply reduced rate, that fewer than one in 10 people who are eligible are aware of these savings and receive them,” said Daniels. “We’re out to help these folks in the most Hoosier way possible, through an army of caring volunteers available to assist any citizen.”

“I also want to recognize Eli Lilly and Co. which at my request led the effort in conjunction with other pharmaceutical companies to organize this program and make it a reality,” said the Governor.

**RxforIndiana** links patients with information about pharmaceutical assistance programs provided by various companies and through the state or federal government. Information about more than 275 public and private programs that provide more than 1,800 prescription medications is available.

The Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives, a new state agency, will play a key role in organizing the volunteer training effort as awareness of **RxforIndiana** spreads across the state. Individuals who want to volunteer for the **RxforIndiana** program are asked to call 877-483-9275.

Employees in each of the 92 county Family and Social Services Administration offices and the 16 Indiana Area Agency on Aging offices have been trained to help eligible residents use the web site or guide them to the toll-free number.

“Through the sustained effort of our volunteers, Hoosiers will be helping Hoosiers learn about which programs they qualify for and how they can apply for free and discounted drug programs,” said Governor Daniels.

## Lt. Governor Takes Time to Meet with Evansville Girl Scouts Troop

Lt. Governor Becky Skillman is working hard these days, be it shepherding the Administration’s legislative agenda through the General Assembly, overseeing the state’s agriculture, tourism, housing, energy, and homeland security departments, or meeting with Hoosiers.

Last Month, Lt. Governor Skillman, who feels strongly about encouraging Hoosier women to consider public service, took time to meet with a Girl Scout Troop from Evansville. The group of girls, who were hosted by State Senator Greg Server, took the trip to Indianapolis to learn about state government.

“What a great opportunity for these young ladies to see their government at work,” remarked Lt. Governor Skillman. “I know Senator Server is giving these girls a good look at how things work. I hope this glimpse will inspire them to participate in government and public service.”

The Girl Scouts of America is the world’s largest organization focused on developing the skills and character needed for girls to succeed in the real world. There are nearly 4 million Girl Scouts throughout the United States and other member countries.



*The girls from Evansville’s Girl Scout Troop 22 pose for a picture with Lt. Governor Skillman and Senator Server at the state house. They are (back row, L-R) Sarah Sankovitch, Hannah Rennels, Alex Goebel, (Lt Governor Skillman), April Schuff, (Senator Server), Christy Poulson, Cassie Gilham, (front row, L-R) Kelli Duggan, Liz Anslinger, Brittany Poulson, Susana Server, Stephanie Waller, and Jessica Mobley.*

To learn more about our Lt. Governor, Becky Skillman, check out her web site at [www.in.gov/lgov](http://www.in.gov/lgov).



# TRAINING PROGRAMS

May 2005

Date	Time	Class	Cost
4	9:00 - 4:00	Information and Records Management	Free
10	9:00 - 12:00	Selection and Interviewing	Free
11	8:30 - 3:30	Interpersonal Dynamics	\$35
12	10:30 - 12:00	PERF: Your Retirement Program	Free
12	1:00 - 3:30	Hoosier S.T.A.R.T. "Retirement Income"	Free
17	9:00 - 3:00	Conflict Resolution	Free
18	9:00 - 12:00	Sexual Harassment Prevention	Free
25	9:00 - 4:00	ABC's of Discrimination	Free
26	8:30 - 4:30	Pre-Retirement Planning Seminar	Free

NOTE: All classes will be held in the State Training Center except where noted.

\*\*These classes are only offered to SUPERVISOR/MANAGERS AND/OR HUMAN RESOURCES PERSONNEL.

Classes that require a fee are noted. Obtain your supervisor's approval to attend.

For more information or to register, you will need to contact your agency training contact person (ATCP).

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Please visit [www.in.gov/jobs/training&development/0homepag.htm](http://www.in.gov/jobs/training&development/0homepag.htm) to check for calendar updates before registering.

It's Springtime!!



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## State Employee Discounts

ALL CURRENT EMPLOYEE  
DISCOUNT INFORMATION  
CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT:

[http://www.IN.gov/jobs/special\\_projects/discount.html](http://www.IN.gov/jobs/special_projects/discount.html)



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